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that are being charged. But we need positive evidence, not just anecdotal issues. And so I would encourage those that find areas that we can improve upon to do so. This bill is designed to improve upon that process more than specifics. But the process is in place to discover those, and we have tried to act as part of the performance evaluation in the last years that I've been on that. We take that obligation seriously and I think we have made some improvements upon that. And as we all get in experience in here, the rest of the body here needs to know that turn your ideas in for looking into areas that we need to look into, Senator Beutler is Chairman of that Performance Evaluation Committee, so that we can continue to make improvements. The State Auditor has also called some things to our attention that we have continued to look at. This is an ongoing process and I don't want to discourage anyone from coming forward. On the other hand, I think there ought not be idle charges made against those agencies that are trying to do a good job. They need to be...recognized that, by and large, our agencies are trying very hard to do a good job with the money that they are charged with spending, and that we ought to recognize that also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek, there are no further lights on. Do you wish to close on advancement of LB 607?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members, and thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I think it's important for us to say that about state employees and state agencies because I believe they're taking some real hits this year as they have for the past year, and I think they need to know that we do appreciate them. But it still is our responsibility to look at the programs and see if the programs are being...are being administered in the way that we intended. I'm not going to make any more closing remarks. I actually did that on the amendments to the bill thinking that we were ready to advance the bill. But since the amendment became the bill, I guess it was perfectly all right. I'd, again, like to thank Senator Beutler for all of his work on this issue because I know he and Senator Engel on the Exec Board did a lot of work on it. And I think Senator Combs' remarks served very well for my closing remarks,